

Remarks

In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated January 31, 2006, the Examiner indicated that the Response to Advisory Action dated October 14, 2005, was considered non-compliant because it failed to provide a complete listing of all of the claims. In response to the Notice, Applicants submit herewith this Supplemental Amendment and Reply that provides a complete listing of all of the claims. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that a full and complete reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment has been made and request that this Supplemental Amendment be entered and considered by the Examiner.

Applicants would like to point out that the Examiner has actually already considered the Amendment and Response dated October 14, 2005, and has issued an Office Action dated December 12, 2005, in response to this amendment. Applicants note that the Supplemental Amendment and Reply filed herewith is *not* filed in response to the Office Action dated December 12, 2005, but rather is filed in order to comply with the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 65-139 are pending in the application, with 65, 85, and 105 being the independent claims. Claims 43-64 are sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the specification. No new matter has been added.

Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the Notice of Non-Compliant amendment, and respectfully request that this Amendment and Reply be entered and considered by the Examiner. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that

personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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